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Sir:

This is in response to the enclosed NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US), dated September 28, 2000. Enclosed is an executed Declaration along with a Petition for a one-month extension of time for filing in the captioned application.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2556. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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